

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development Teacher Certification Component Budget Summary

Component: Teacher Certification

Contribution to Department's Mission

- To ensure that only qualified applicants are certified to teach in Alaska.
- To ensure that teacher education programs in Alaska conform to nationally recognized standards.

Core Services

- Receive, review, analyze, and evaluate all applications for initial, renewal of, removal of, and additional credentials and endorsements for the teaching profession as required by regulation and AS.14.20.020.
- Issue, deny, and/or notify applicant of the determination regarding their credentials.
- Submit fingerprint cards to the Department of Public Safety and FBI for background checks on all initial and renewal applicants.
- Notify applicants and monitor any resubmitted fingerprint card.
- Deny credentials for applicants that have a criminal disclosure.
- Exchange revocation information with the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification Clearinghouse for teacher licensure records.
- Issue Alaska credentials to all eligible applicants for teacher, administrator, special service, and limited license specialty areas.
- Review and approve all Alaska teacher education training programs in institutions of higher education.
- Collect and analyze data from every school district to determine the number of teachers and paraprofessionals that meet the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) "highly qualified" definitions.
- Collaborate with National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and with colleges and universities in the accreditation process that have been approved by the State Board of Education & Early Development.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$701,900

Personnel:

Full time	5
Part time	0
Total	5

Key Component Challenges

Teacher recruitment and retention continues to be a challenge. There is a nationwide shortage of education professionals that is making it increasingly difficult for Alaska school districts to attract and retain highly qualified teachers. Even with the most optimistic projections, Alaska's university system will only be able to supply a quarter of our teachers over the next five to ten years. Given that three-quarters of our teaching work force will need to come from outside of Alaska, we must be able to compete with other states that are offering a number of incentives to new teachers. The State is working to ensure that these professionals who choose to work in Alaska are trained in Alaska's standards and educational policy issues.

Working with school district staff to ensure that all teachers meet the highly qualified requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) continues to be challenging, especially in small, multi-subject and multi-grade schools, in which there are small numbers of teachers.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

~~Improve student achievement through increased focus on instruction and professional development for teachers and~~

paraprofessionals that is tied to standards and grade level expectations, as well as professional teacher standards, for teachers and paraprofessionals.

Fully implement alternate route to teaching through Alaska Transition to Teaching (AKT2) program and place teachers in participating districts.

Improvements and replacement of the Teacher Certification database are necessary to continue to meet the data collection and storage needs for information relating to teachers and teacher quality under the No Child Left Behind act and to meet the data requirements under the state teacher performance review program.

Pilot online system for renewal of teacher certificates.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

- Adopted Special Education Director certificate for teachers enrolled in a Special Education Director Preparation program
- Worked with stakeholder groups and district staff to create the program for Alaska's alternate route to teacher certification Alaska Transition to Teaching (AKT2) (federal funds)
- Adopted regulation allowing Type C certificate holders who have a master's degree and complete a school administration preparation program to become endorsed as school principals
- Issued a total of 4,095 certificates.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 12.62.160

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AS 14.20.010 - .040

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Teacher Certification Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	288.5	364.4	363.3
72000 Travel	13.4	19.0	19.0
73000 Services	45.0	279.2	294.5
74000 Commodities	6.5	10.0	10.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	15.1	15.1
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	353.4	687.7	701.9
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	5.2	8.5	8.5
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	0.0	16.4	16.4
1156 Receipt Supported Services	348.2	662.8	677.0
Funding Totals	353.4	687.7	701.9

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Interagency Receipts	51015	0.0	16.4	16.4
Receipt Supported Services	51073	348.2	662.8	677.0
Restricted Total		348.2	679.2	693.4
Total Estimated Revenues		348.2	679.2	693.4

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	8.5	0.0	679.2	687.7
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-FY2010 Wage and Health Insurance Increases for Bargaining Units with Existing Agreements	0.0	0.0	14.2	14.2
FY2010 Governor	8.5	0.0	693.4	701.9

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Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2009</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2010</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	5	5	Annual Salaries	231,477
Part-time	0	0	COLA	8,935
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	122,979
			Less 0.03% Vacancy Factor	(91)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	5	5	Total Personal Services	363,300

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Education Admin II	0	0	1	0	1
Education Assoc III	0	0	1	0	1
Education Prog Assistant	0	0	3	0	3
Totals	0	0	5	0	5